

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0016489 A1 (hereinafter "Haymes").

Response to 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) Rejections

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons set out below, and asks the Examiner for reconsideration.

Claim 1 recites the following:

A system comprising:

- a cell phone to provide a wireless connection;
- a locator to indicate an approximate location of the cell phone; and
- a directional indicator **coupled to the cell phone** to guide a user along a route that reduces a probability of losing the wireless connection.

The Office Action relies on Haymes, P. [0017] to disclose "a directional indicator **coupled to the cell phone** to guide a user along a route that reduces a probability of losing the wireless connection" of claim 1. Haymes discloses mobile users error generators to generate error signals. (Haymes, P. [0017] – [0018].) An error generator in Haymes causes the users to be alerted to an error

condition. (Haymes, P. [0019].) The mobile station in Haymes may also inform a user of the appropriate steps to take in order to maintain connectivity, such as change antenna direction, channel, etc. (Haymes, P. [0015].) This is distinct from “a directional indicator coupled to the cell phone **to guide a user along a route** that reduces a probability of losing the wireless connection,” as required by claim 1.

Furthermore, Haymes discloses a method for notifying users of the non-operating area of a wireless network, where a user of a mobile unit enters a desired trip route *to a vehicle’s GPS system, the vehicle querying a database to download the map of dead zones in the trip route, and recommending a changed route* having a reduced area of dead zones. (Haymes, P. [0036].) In Haymes there is no indication that the vehicle (or the vehicle’s GPS system) is coupled to the mobile unit. Thus, Haymes fails to disclose or suggest a system including “a directional indicator **coupled to the cell phone** to guide a user along a route that reduces a probability of losing the wireless connection,” as required by claim 1.

Because not every element of claim 1 is disclosed in Haymes, claim 1 and its dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed.

Claim 8 includes the feature of “**enabling the cell phone to provide directions to guide a user along a route** that improves wireless signal strength.” Thus, claim 8 and its dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed for at least the reasons articulated with respect to claim 1.

Claim 15, as amended, includes the feature of “a memory region **coupled to a cell phone** including instructions that, if executed by the processor, cause the system **to guide a user along a route** that reduces a probability of losing the wireless connection.” Thus, claim 15 and its dependent claims are patentable and should be allowed for at least the reasons articulated with respect to claim 1.

CONCLUSION


Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Elena Dreszer at (408) 947-8200, x209.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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